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Capt. Vanderdecken at Washington.

Elsewhere on this page we present ome of the main features of Mr. RANDOLPH's acute analysis of the Democratic shipping bill which has passed the House and is now pending in the Senate. Our excisions impair the continuity of the argument, but its forcible and searching quality is fairly well represented in those parts of it which we are able to give.

Why is it that every attempt of the party now in political control to deal by legislation with the supremely important matter of keeping on the seas the flag of the American mercantile marine is either futile to the degree of absurdity or destructive to the point of annihilation?

Why is it that the efforts of Democracy in power to steer clear of the abhorred word "subsidy" drive it at every turn and tack nearer the rocks of socialism?

There is no port in sight for the maritime policy of the Wilson Administration. The fate of the master of the accursed phantom ship attends its zigzag course and doom is always ahead of its bowsprit.

The present pathetic measure should be entitled, very frankly, "A Bill to Put the American Flag on the Flying Dutchman."

Steel.

The statement by the United States Steel Corporation exceeds by many millions the high expectations previously entertained concerning this quarter's earnings. It strengthens a general market just now subject to many adverse influences. It registers in astounding figures a new maximum mark in the prosperity of the basic industry of this country. An extra dividend of one per cent, goes now to the multitudinous holders of the common stock.

The record is unexampled, but its significance will be wrongly estimated unless it is duly regarded as an incident of the great war. As the activ ity of steel is the index of the activities of countless other American interests, so the relation of steel to temporary conditions in the world outside denotes the dependence of the present prosperity of those other interests upon conditions beyond our domestic power to mar or make.

The steel showing, therefore, is a warning to shortsighted or sluggish legislators at the American Capitol, instead of an assurance of the suc cess of their experimenting, and wise citizens will so consider it; for our prosperity must be made permanent and not ephemeral.

Two Years Ago To-day.

Berbia's reply to Austria's ultima tum was received in Vienna two years ago to-day. It was as Austria had expected and it furnished her a pretext for the declaration of hostilities that quickly followed. The first aggressive military movements of the war were made; Austrian troops were lined up on the Serbian frontier, the advance to Belgrade was begun.

On the same day Sir EDWARD GREY called a meeting of representatives of the Powers in London for the purpose of averting complications. People even then believed that a general European war could be averted. The Austrian soldiers apparently thought they were undertaking an expedition to punish Serbia for her part in the killing of the Hapsburg heir at Sarajevo a month before. They seemed to think that with that task done they could return to their homes. But on this day, July 26, 1914, Germany issued her famous warning. Austria must be permitted without interference to chastise Serbia. It seemed directed against Russin and it extinguished any hope that might have been held out by Sir Edward Grey's proposed conference.

punished Serbia. She has practically wiped the nation out of existence, she has driven its people from their home and forced its army beard its border. Serbia offered to che to

the constitution and the laws of crim- greatest failure in the history of the White House to-day.—THE EVENING SUN. inal procedure." Austria won all of her points, the nine that Serbia con-

Her conquest of Serbia could not the no butting in theory. be more complete. But to-day Italy is battering at her western frontier and Russia is pouring an army of thousands across her Galician borto her credit in the final adjustment? Will the winning by war of one demand pay the terrible price it cost?

following courteous and attractive invitation from a New England Commonwealth:

"The State of Vermont extends to you cordial invitation to spend your vaation among its Green Mountains. on the shores of its beautiful lakes and streams. The acceptance of this invi tation will insure you a hearty welcome and hospitable entertainment; and it is the hope of this Commonwealth that your stay here will be so pleasant that with the approach of each successiv vacation period you will anticipate with eagerness an outing in the Green Mountain State."

This is as it should be. The gen eral invitation could be improved only by specific and practical information for the benefit of Vermont's intending visitors; and we are glad to say that this is done in supplementary literature in a manner that leaves nothing to be desired

Nobody receiving such cordial words and such adequate travelling instructions can turn Vermontward without feeling that he is about to meet a most pleasant host.

We observe, moreover, that headquarters of the Secretary of State's Publicity Department-let us rather style it the Hospitality Bureau of Vermont-have now been placed. with a fine sense of fitness, at Essex Junction, formerly the object of much allen objurgation. It was of Essex Junction that a distinguished son of Vermont, afterward United States Minister near the Court of St. James's, wrote the masterplece which added poetic immortality to legal and diplomatic renown. We can quote here only the third of those four deathless stanzas written in wrath by the Hon. EDWARD JOHN PHELPS:

"Here Boston walts for Ordensburg And Ogdensburg for Montreal, And late New York long tarrieth And Saratoga hinderest all;

From far Atlantic's wave swept bays To Mississippi's turbid tide All accidents, mistakes, delays

Are gathered here and multiplied Oh, fellow man! avoid this place As you would plague, or Peter Funk's town-

And I hope in hell

Their souls may dwell

Who first invented Essex Junction. Take notice that no longer will that profane hope be shared by the less chorus of those who rejoice befor serious work. My husband spent exhausted. non-Vermonter. Essex Junction now cause some of his calling are on strike. last week at the Executive Departments becomes the shining gateway to the No man is more considerate or just in Paris and we have been classed as so consoling to the average person as pleasures of one of the politest and than a good life insurance agent. a loveliest of American States.

Puszling Words.

From Berlin, by way of Sayville and therefore untouched by the hands of the enemy, comes a declaration of 'the aims of the war" as defined in a resolution of the German Socialist party committee:

"The defence of the country, a guarantee of political integrity, and liberty

How much defence, two years ago did Germany appear to need?

What threatened Germany's political integrity, unless it was the Socialist party itself? What definition of "liberty of economic development" would be ac-

In Texas.

cepted by all nations?

The Democratic primaries in Texas have been held, and with interesting results. The candidates for United States Senator were the present senior Senator, CHARLES A. CULBERSON, and the Governor, OSCAR B. COLQUITT.

CULBERSON now and then was considered a big Democrat. In 1908 it seemed that he could, if he would, step saves you from his demon employers, on BRYAN and crush him, but he refrained. He stood by and got his reward in the shape of another unanimous election in 1911. He has been an upholder of Mr. Wilson in the Senate. It was to him, as chairman of the Judiciary Committee, that the on your group of policies in that fu-

cause of Mr. BRANDEIS. and against the Administration. In Long years ago, when McGINNITY November, 1913, he wrote to the edi- was with the Giants, the good agent HUERTA is a usurper and our Presi- is now for his art. He gives you dent is the cause of kicking him out a neat wallet in which to keep your and dictating who shall succeed him policies. He acts as if you paid him even temporarily, who of the two ten thousand a year when you really would be the greater usurper, HUERTA net him about \$38.50. A patient, honor Wilson?" Three months later Gov. orable man, the good agent, and not all of Austria's demands except one, Colourt sent a stinging message to to be growled at. which was that representatives of BRYAN, then Secretary of State, on Sarajevo crime. To permit this, Ser- wrote, on December 26, 1914, that "the by enemies. bia replied, would be "a violation of Wilson Administration has been the

Presidency." Colquitt led Culberson in Satur-

eded to avert war and the one that day's primaries by a good plurality, it was impossible for her to grant. Texas to that extent indicating that In accomplishing this Austria has it likes a pro-Texan better than a gone to great pains to convince the Wilsonian. But Texas has an up world that she has found indisput- to date, complicated primary law, able evidence of the Serbian Govern- framed after the manner of a trotment's guilt. She sent out elaborate ting race, and there will be a run off reports of the trial of the conspira- between Oscan and Charlie later on. tors at Sarajevo and announced at with the other candidates scratched. frequent intervals the discovery of in- Until then it is impossible to gauge criminating documents unearthed at exactly the strength of the two.

The indication that the opportuni-Belgrade or Nish. She has, too, in- Meanwhile the best line on the popuvolved Europe and much of the East- larity of Wilson policies in Texas is the Spanish to commercial enterprise ern continent in this most disastrous the apparent defeat for renomination appears in the project to establish a of five Representatives who defended

A Beautiful Theory.

Is it the Rev. Dr. CHARLES AUBERY EATON of the Madison Avenue Bap- burg. passes. Will her great victory result as JOHN A., and to whom it attributes mercial representative of Chile We acknowledge with gratitude the ory has escaped a good many permurder, free love and other interesting accretions. The benevolent Mr. ROCKEFELLER nodded his approval; at the beautiful theory, of course, which for a moment banished the concrete and Spain. fact from his philanthropic mind.

Mr. FRICK was not present. It may e that he is one of those falling un- agent. der Dr. EATON's criticism who think of anarchists as "men with red noses, red shirts, and bombs in their pock-Whether Comrade BERKMAN ets." had a red nose and wore a red shirt at Homestead our treacherous memory refuses to inform us; he did not carry a bomb in his pocket; Comrade BERKMAN used a pistol and a knife. Comrade BERKMAN is a philosopher. practice, with Comrade Goldwan's loyal assistance. Dr. Earon says the not human; Comrade BERKMAN and Federal amendment. Comrade Goldman find it adjustable

to human affairs, however, In Germany a preacher is still prophet, Dr. EATON told the fortunate of Cleveland, and is not thought a fool by "boneheads," if the synopsis of his sermon is correct. It may be; we have never sought to differentiate the Teutonic ivory pate from that of French, or Celtic, or Italian derivation. Dr. Eaton has unquestionably studied the subject. Curiously enough, the "boneheads" of our acquaintance-we confess their number is small-are not unanimous in their opinion of preachers. Some of them believe preachers to be prophets; none, to our knowledge, regards them as fools.

It was DARWIN who started the war: the supermen of Germany are boneheads" of Germany are affected by Darwinism Dr. Earon did not confide to his congregation. Probably Darwinism is taboo in Germany now: does DARWIN not fall into the catalogue of those who are to be strafed? CHARLES DARWIN is guilty of most of the wickedness in the world; he is almost as had as the Gulf Stream.

true value will not join in the thought-Few men are wiser or more syste-

At once the question rises: How s one to know a good agent from a bad or indifferent one? The distinction is easily made. The good agent treats you as if you were his client; the bad one as if you were his vicim. The good agent knows your age, weight, height and all about that heart murmur which is sure to strike you down before you are as for all the work there is to do. old as PARR got to be. He knows what policies you carry; you surely carry some, or else he is not a good agent. He discusses sympathetically your idea of turning the straight life into a twenty year endowment, and he tells you, to a penny, what the difference would be in 1930. The insurance company inflames you, by circular, with a notion that you must have one of their new purple debenture non-forfeitable silver bond policles. No, says the agent, in the tone of a doctor telling you to let patent medicines alone, it may do for others, but not for you. If you insist on having more insurance (and heaven forbid that he should deter you), the thing for you is thus and so. He cans? gets your signature on an application for something sensible, and goes on to his next client-who may need the purple debenture.

The good agent sits with you and shows you just what you can borrow President sent his letter urging the ture April when you purpose to start building a house. You take up his Colouitt has been against Bryan golden hours, but he never whimpers or of the Outlook as follows: "If saw his last ball game. All his life

Austria-Hungary should take part in the rights and wrongs of Texas in the Uncle Sam must come eventually to judicial proceedings in Serbian terri- matter of Mexican raids and outrages. a realization of the fact that an island tory against persons accessory to the And it was the same Conquirt who is a body of land wholly surrounded

Everything and everybody but Colo-

Twenty-five millions would make the

On the western front it is not the Bear that walks like a man, but Kangaroo

Most rum punch experts will agree that Santa Cruz is as good an island to buy as Jamaica

ties of the war are awakening even direct steamship line between Spain and Chile. The immediate incentive is the increase in the price of nitrates, of which Spain uses 100,000 tons year for agricultural purposes, and which she has been content to import hitherto by way of Liverpool or Ham ders and through the Carpathian tist Church whom the Times disguises after the war broke out by the comthe opinion that "Anarchism is a beautiful theory"? The sentiment is assume a practical interest in it and said to have been uttered on Sunday to arrange for the necessary concesto Dr. Eaton's former parishioners sions. Now sufficient capital has been in Cleveland. The beauty of the the raised, the South American republica are awake to the importance of the ory has escaped a good many per-scheme and all that is needed is ships sons so far; they see with a glazed. The delays on the part of the Govmaterial eye, not with that inward ernment have caused the charters vision that strips from it its bombs, made by the promoters to lapse and they are confronted with the universal problem of obtaining vessels. They hope to overcome this difficulty soon and to bring into existence for the first time a direct line between Chile

> Walking out unsatisfied is not new experience for any life insurance

An esteemed contemporary remarks vellous mental versatility." SULZER. Versatility is a drug in the market; and not always a very desir-

Some genius will yet invent a tiny electric furnace to preserve those necessities, salt, cigarettes and soda He puts the "beautiful theory" into crackers, from the ravages of humidity.

convinced that President theory does not work because it is too proud to say anything about that

can policy, how did the Texas Demo crate find out what it is?

LLOYD GEORGE save that British valor was never so great as it is now. fortunately it is equally true British diplomacy was never so crassly undering as it is at present.

Again is Humanity's King ARTHUI

forced to draw his mighty pen Excalibur from its scabbard and dip it into

Sharks are mere pikers as destroyer of surf bathers compared to the widespread lack of common sense upon the part of the humans.

Dr. Inving Fisher, professor of po litical economy at Vale, hopes that the European war will end in a draw Does he enjoy watching it? Does h possessed of his ideas. How the few years?

CHARLES F. MURPHY takes off his hat to Miss ANNE MARTIN, boss of the National Woman's party.

THE AMERICAN BOYS IN

FRANCE.

A Frenchwoman Tells of the Devotion

and Activity of Some of Them. From a private letter A word in haste before the coming o our train of the badly wounded. are in expectation of important devel-"hopital de grande chirurgirie."

lacked an analytical laboratory; it has dinner, and the doctors do say that tobeen created for us. So let them send bacco when used in moderation after along our poor dear soldiers from the a meal really aids digestion. flery furnace and we shall save them! Thanks for all you have done in the goodness of your French hearts and the sleep of the just, but most people for the regular mailing of the American dream of their grandmother or worse journals which give so much pleasure from indulgence in eating and smoking

to our "pollus. Our American surgeons are admirable; they freely give their attention also to the poor among the civil popu lation. This is a life and this an ac tivity which render the days very short Our "adopted American son," Dr

James Stovers, has asked to go to the Complegne, where he receives the music publisher on the performed sixty-nine major operations "free and easy" in Houston street, ben twenty-two days, and this at the age tween Broadway and Crosby street. "adopted son"-has gone into the avia- Down," always popular with barytones. tion service. His cousin, Ruffin Rockthe Aviation School at Pau has just street. Harry Hill's was in its day on been made "pilote" and is going to duty of the country's most famous sporting against the German lines. These two houses. Further downtown hearts, "Vive la France!"

Isn't it fine in these young Ameri- of ale. Naturally the poor parents of the console them by telling of the greacause which their children are defending and thank them for having inspired sentiments so lofty and also so encou aging for France.

Au revolr, dear good friend, time presses and I embrace you with all my facturers that there is an opportunity to heart, thanking you again and finishing improve their product by substituting asmy letter as my adopted sons do, "Vive MARIE G. HAUVILLE. SAINT-VALERY-EN-CAUX, June 29.

The Gymnastic Feeder. Or face disaster stunning every morning, rain or shine, He bolts his breakfast running.

At noon he has no time to spare To set his belt expanding. So quickly in a feeding lair He gobbles luncheon standing. At eve when all his work is done And after homeward fitting.

In proper style, his leisure won,

He eats his dinner sitting. Then if he wants a supper gay, Domestic peace defying. There simply is no other way-He has to get it lying. MCLANDSTRON WILSON

"IMMORAL" MOVIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: The "movies" are immoral "because they are not true to life." He says: "If you taken account of the one physical charfacts of life as they are, though the acteristic which is a Que index to the play is scented with lavender, it is immoral, but every play that deals with the crossed fingers. things as they appear in actual life, of good taste, is a moral play."

too much in life." Why pick on the "movies"? If what Dr. Fitch says is true of motion pic-tures, how much more true is it of the speaking drama and of literature. He means, of course, if he is sincere in naming the "movies" as more "impictures are unreal in plot. Surely they are real in setting. In motion pictures

Spoken plays are unreal in lines. How dreary it would be if Oscar Wilde's characters, for instance, spoke as his ful lack of realism there is in Shakespeare. How many of Shakespeare's characters, do you believe, were actuthings Shakespeare put into their

In the "movies" Dr. Fitch probably objects to the triumph of virtue, of the idealized heroes and heroines; in other words, as he puts it, he objects to moving pictures because there is too much sentiment in them. If that is true the "immoral" mov-

ing picture is in the same class with the Fourth of July, Memorial Day, the rightfully immoral "Star Spangled Banner," and the horribly immoral custom of celebrating "Mother's Day." FLORENCE LA BADIE.

NEW ROCHELLE, July 25.

HAVE BEASTS SOULS? What of the Psychic Development of a Fine Dog?

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir regard to the question "Have animals soul," asked in THE SUN of Sunday, Wilson, have come across something in the course of my reading which may be of

I once knew an old head forester who and without children an early age, had lived alone for more than thirty years in a noble forest of East

His only companions were one or two few necessary words, and a great pack of different kinds of dogs, with which he ived in perfect psychic communion. Through many years of training keen observer and friend of nature penetrated deep into the individual souls of his dogs, and he was as convinced of large market in this vicinity. It is wide their personal immortality as he was of his used throughout western Europe, where

in his impartial and objective estimation, at a higher stage of psychic development than his old, stupid maid and rough, inkled man servant. Any unprejudiced observer who will

chic activity of a fine dog for a year, and follow attentively the physiological processes of the thought, judgment and rea-son, will have to admit that it has just as valid a claim to immortality as man

This, I think, should interest all who GEORGE WALKER NEW YORK, July 24.

MIDNIGHT LOGIC.

Nicotine, Alcohol, Lobsters, Grandmothers and Worse. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT! NICO

tine, like coffee, stimulates the and causes unpleasant dreams if indulged in at a late hour at night. the other hand, alcohol acts specifically on the nerves, stimulates the stomach and serves as a sedative when you are fagged from strenuous

Nicotine, from overindulgence, the good life insurance agent at his English have begun their attack. We comes a poison that affects the stomach

> There is no other n We a good cigar, especially after a hearty Some persons can eat broiled lobate

hefore retiring for the night and sleep at a late hour. PERRY LUKENS. CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 25.

HARDING'S SONGS.

Some Ancient Houses of Merriment

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIE front, and he is before the lines of had the pleasure of hearing Harding, the Bowery, sing wounded from the trenches. He has on many occasions in Harry Clifton's of 26. All his patients are at present The song I liked to hear him sing in a good way to recovery. One of our best was his own favorite from "The Robert Rockwell-another Bohemian Girl," "The Heart Bowed

Another well known resort in those well, has already defeated two Bosch days was The House of Lords, a little filers, and by an order of the day of further east, on the corner of Crosby youngsters write me every day, and both Hall, in Duane street, was the great conclude their daily letters with the attraction for the old time actors and same phrase which is so sweet to our newspaper men, where all the topics of the day were discussed over their tobies

NEW YORK, July 25.

ASBESTOS MATCHES. Gratultous Suggestion to the Makers of Fireproof Sticks.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I light be well to suggest to the manupine" sticks they are now using NEW YORK, July 24. C. T. CLACK.

End of a Propaganda. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The letter that M. C. Weiss received recently from Austria and you published in THE Sun should put an end to the "Pity the poor starving Austrians" propaganda that the friends of the Central Powers are trying to launch in the United DESIRE LESCARBOURA. NEW YORK, July 25.

The Cohicks at Home. From the Philadelphia Record. Four generations of Cohicks reside Dreamwold, the Cohick farm, near Bain-bridge. The great-grandmother is 89, her

whose son George to & years old.

AN ANALYST AT LARGE. Report of a Scientific Examination a Great Psychologist.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Why soul of the man? I have reference to

Reasoning a posteriori Mr. Hill ad- by way of prohibition and direction, only mentioned the pliable hand, conveying

I too am an analyist. If I might far forget myself as to make use of edge is aliunde.

I know Mr. Wilson belongs congeniall his important declarations and acts

Mr. Wilson denounced the trusts or about the same time that he asked Mr. Carnegie for a pension. He told Mexico she must salute

the map, yet she didn't salute and he didn't obliterate. He heartily approved of the one term

carriers by water in foreign commerc plank in the Democratic platform, yet s that they affect but a part, and the he is a candidate for reelection. lesser part, of our foreign transporta-By warning Germany that he would hold her to strict accountability in her submarine blockade he encouraged Amerallways with a fleet of tramp airships icans to travel on the seas, yet when competing here, there, and everywhere, Germany sank merchantmen he chasflying to the seasonal and the emergency tised her only with notes.

He showed his teeth to England when he issued her Orders in Council, yet the orders are enforced and England is un-

SCRANTON, Pa., July 24

Iron foundries in Brunswick, Germany have been very prosperous since the

and a profitable market. Forecasts of India's jute crop have caused prices to decline \$5 a ton. The estimated production of the new crop \$8,000,000 bales. Reports of black rust in the Northwest

during the first half of 1916 amounted to \$90,000,000, an increase of \$20,000,000 over the corresponding period in 1915. Pepsin has been found to be a success

substitute for rennet in the making cheese. It costs about half as much No gold coins were

thinery.
The boll weevil will destroy one-third of Georgia's cotton crop, it is estimated.

Deposits of tungsten have been discovered near Seoul. Chosen, and a company and on the h has been formed to mine the ore.

elone district. Spain Bandea State, British East Indies, announces that bamboo fibre can be used in

cotton and corn. mahogany.

beet sugar acreage this year is 743,593 acres, which should yield a record crop draw foreign ships to its ports despite of \$50,000 tons.

ian Governments are buying horses in Toronto to ship abroad.

Change in the style of women's dress regard? Will the magnetic influence of course products automatically irresistibly in Russia is expected to increase the deand for American cotton.

unces that a mixture of alcohol and benzol has been successfully used in Ger-many as a substitute for gasolene. American constructors have received of export trade. Our minimum must

bestos sticks for the "American white Stream and its possible influence upon or lease them to private parties; or to the Tilefish" is of immediate interest.

THE BILL TO ESTABLISH A UNITED STATES SHIPPING BOARD.

Rev. Albert Parker Fitch says the is it that none of the "analyists" who Extracts From a Critical Review of the Measure That Has Passed the House and Awaits the Senate's Action.

Considering the matter in hand, we

In the first are the "liners"-passen-

In the other fleet are the "tramps.

moving hither and yon, under cable di-

rection, to promising ports, or voyaging

under special charter; and in this fleet

are the considerable number of vessel

employed by industrial companies ex-

and the company ships plainly exclude

the carrier's obligation aforesaid, since

the one is governed by a special contract

and the other is but a branch of a par-

tramp may, in seeking general freight,

eccasionally assume the common carrier

In this case it is noteworthy that the

bill claims jurisdiction over the smaller

fleet, for it is well known that the bulk

of the world's commerce is carried by

The broad preliminary criticism of the

oill's regulations concerning common

The employments of the chartered

lusively in their own business.

ticular business enterprise.

ndependent ships.

on the ships affected.

11.

enforced upon industrial concerns.

trust policy over to ocean transporta-

sea much as it regulates those by land.

has over the subject matter a sufficient

jurisdiction (or a sufficient influence,

which may, as we shall see, be a quite

whatever har

tive operation of the law.

on measured by tonnage.

merchant fleet would discredit the high

onerous regulations that would other-

How stands the United States in th

expand our foreign trade, however bur

provide for themselves, that we fail to

big in itself, would mark the decadence

board over the service and the routes What of the status of the ships? An The shipping bill assumes to regulate. how will the intrusion of Governmen

velopment of a merchant marine?

Congress creates a shipping board t

board forms, under the laws of the may divide the world's merchant marine into two fleets-the common carrier and trict of Columbia, a corporation to chase, construct, equip, lease, charte ger and freight-serving all comers on commerce of the United States board is obliged to hold and you authorized to do all things of o carry out the proses of the a The directors are dummies officials. Minority stockholders entric investors should service subscribe, must not only submit to th will of the majority, but are foreve stock. On the dissolution of the paration the ships "revert" to the hos n truth, they never leave if poration" is a part and an arm of poard, just as the board is a part ar an arm of the Government

> three gentlemen at once. Even if the ships could be entlated from the railways by points out that ocean transport is too mobile to be directly reg lated by Congress, it would only centuate the folly of the legislature neavily subsidizing an enterprise

beyond its directory powers. sels purchased, chartered or the board shall be subject to all Imagine the plight of our immobile regulations and nerchant wessels, whatever the of the United States therein, it dees place in this category ships operated the Government. Presumably these public vessels of

United States will be operated in ful turn load, &c. Figure the bewilderment cordance with the aforemid laws trying to perform its functions under of damage or of breach of contract? The titular owner-the corporatt case, yet constant and pressing is the competition of the "tramp" with the sponsibility. Doubtless it will be "liner," which, while physically of equal modest working capital, but to mobility, must stick to its regular route hardly look for accumulated pr and its carrier obligation unless it be The real owner, the United Sea driven to the independent fleet, cannot be sued without consent, and Not bewildering, as in the imagined case, judgment cannot be satisfied w but sufficiently awkward would be the an appropriation by Congress.

The ordinary remedy of libell task of a shipping board usefully to enforce, in respect of a part of the mer- ship is not clearly applicable to chant fleet, regulations from which the public vessels, but by curing this defe they would be broadly classed with rest are exempt. they would be broad!

Restraints which are not applied to dinary merchanten. What now of the employment of the the entire fabric of our foreign commerce will not assure an adequate regupublic ships as neutral traders in mi

lation and may lay an invidious burden time war? For all its vessels our Governme is entitled to demand of other Gover-ments a constant and uniform respe-Broadly speaking, the bill purports for whatever their employment xplicitly to extend much of the policy dictated essentially by a public policy

which is as implicit in the voyage of

of our anti-trust laws to the common arriers of our sea borne commerce. I say ship carrying goods as in that 'explicitly" because the anti-trust act man-of-war. mbraces our foreign commerce in genships shall not add another question eral terms, though it is noteworthy that hus far there has been little effort and regard to neutral trade in mariting ess success in applying to ocean carriers the restrictions which have been into service too late for the worlds but insufficient excuse for the bill Besides attempting to carry our antition. Congress would by this bill atexpect offerings of cargoes to tempt to regulate common carriers by or to neighboring neutral ports. The first care of a legislature in considering a statute is to be sure that it

> with the risk of arousing resentment the United States by the detention of Referring to our vast expert nitions, which, by the fortune of wa

The vital objections to the Govern

The five year limitation on Go ain local regulations. In these circum- ment ownership, which replaces the blunder of now repelling capit the principal basis of national power an American marine at the over the conduct of ocean transporta- the first-opportune moment tion, the insignificance of the American civil war.

> of Navigation, states that Hearings before Senate hat most of these ships are ntended for domestic foreign trade, nor will ships or built for this trade. enters the field as a competite For Government competition tially not only unfair but unn sovereign against the citizen

The enactment of the shi

ould add to certain emi visions of recent legislation stacle to an American mer-

Within the two years Austria has

Something like an ultimatum was a

most melancholy Dane chirk up.

Are They Less True to Life Than Shakespeare and Sermons?

although it may outrage every canon justed, and with admirable nicety, the those ships which answer the legal de- into the shipping field affect the He conduct of Mr. Wilson to the architec- scription of a "common carrier." also remarks that "We sentimentalize ture of his countenance. Mr. Hill even the impression, though he was not so bold as openly to declare, that he had I present this to Mr. Hill as man to man -why was there no consideration of the o'erlapping digits?

you do not have painted trees and vernacular, I might, and with no infraction of modesty, proclaim myself "the son. It is not upon the doubtful evi-dence of the physical eye that I base people really would speak. What a wo- my estimate of the President. My knowl-

tally to the order of crossfingers beally capable of saying the beautiful cause I find evidence of transdigitis in Let me particularize.

flag or resign herself to obliteration from

emands, free from the railwayman's nightmares maintenance of way, the re-

such conditions. that there are no good qualities in Mr. Wilson. For a suitable honorarium I shall be happy to build a mosaic of the man so striking (permit me here to viointerest to the writer of the article. A late taste in deference to a pun) it will he sure to make a hit The this letter is to take to task those dilettante analyists who flatter themselves with the idea that they are my LINKUM FIDELIUS.

TRADE BRIEFS.

used throughout western Europe, where it is sold for eight cents a pound. In New York it brings 40 cents a pound. A record crop of hop Australia, decreased the cents to 10 cents a pound.

Amsterdam, Holland, but Dutch mill on ers are prejudiced against American mad-saws and other appliances. If American manufacturers would sell on the same terms as their European competitors there is no doubt that they would find in Hot-

London's exports to the United States

Spanish olive oil has made heavy sales at this country, three vessels received stringent regulations as a this country, three vessels recently utility. during 1915, reports the French mint.

Heavy coal deposite are being exploited public service. How relatively precartion over the wholly private nature of the on the west coast of Iceland. There is a

American made novelties, automobiles, ofor cycles, motor boats and electrical appliances are in big demand in the Bar-Dhruva Sumanas, a paper pulp expert of stances it is evident that the degree of definite ownership contemplated

nary Islands. It sells for 62 cents a pound upon the range of its complete jurisdic- immediately mischievous force Ideal weather conditions in Arkaneas have led to the prediction of record crops

A proposed drainage system for Desha county. Arkansas, will reclaim 256,000 acres of tiliable soil. Steel rails are being purchased in this country by Russia, France and Great Brit-

Representatives of the French and Ital- wise repel them. Plans for a Government paper mill are densome our shipping laws? Are we so under consideration in Japan. The mill hypnotized with "war orders," even now will be under the supervision of the Min-shrinking as belligerents increasingly

commissions to erect twenty-one grain ever be written in large figures, but con-elevators in the province of Santa Fé. tentment with this minimum, however Argentina. There is a growing interest in the rais-The of that enterprising spirit which alone ing of hogs throughout Argentina. The of that enterprising spirit which alone fodder required for hogs may solve Argentina's problem of how to utilize her sura merchant marine.

The Romance of the Tilefish.

the movements of sharks that Hugh M. form one or more corporations to of the great maritime Powers Smith's article in the June National Geo- operate them. graphic Magazine on "The Romance of Taking for granted, as I think we that carry the bulk of our 1,400,000,000 of them dying from the pick and choose among applicants? Or theoretically, equal power "cold wave" resulting from the change serve first who come first? Or will it time state over the rules

son George is 59, his son Grant is 25, shark as well as the tilefish? NEW YORK, July 24.

foresee the troubles ahead? For every nation there is indeed what may be called an irreducible minimum against the trader, the publ

The bill authorizes the board to spend ship an export trade whi not more than \$50,000,000 in buying or we must struggle mightly eve To the Editor of the Sun-Sir: So building merchant ships available for tain, Congress would set much has been said lately of the Gulf use as naval auxiliaries; to sell, charter,

may, that the entire sum of \$50,000,000 imports. Yet each ship Mr. Smith is United States Commis- will be spent for ships, what disposition sioner of Fisheries. He tells of the time shall be made of these? The bill au- not to our laws. On every when the Gulf Stream moved seaward, thorizes the board to either sell, lease from our ports it leaves the result being the practical extermina- or charter all or part of its fleet to country whose legislature. tion of the so-called "tilefish" (Lopho- private persons or to operate all or part identical with ours, may st latilus chamzeleonticeps), more than itself. In the first case, will the board ance and entry to its own in the temperature of the water where invite competitive bids? Important it not clear that of the the stream formerly touched the conti-nental shelf. questions these, should there be a rush versally operative by com-for the ships, but as there seems to be those will be widely effect A few of the tiles were left, for they no reason why one wishing to buy, lease, backed by the big merchant are again plentiful. But has the Gulf or charter would be advantaged by ap- The bill should not be-Stream returned to its old course, and plying to the Government, we may its enactment should but has its return brought the man eating fairly anticipate Government operation, cates of a merchant man

In this event what of the operating vigorous effort. W. P. H. | corporation? What of the powers of the

Should the ships come into se blockaded ports of the Central Power the Government accept, the Enten the assurance or likelihood of sup reaching enemy country, or seize

A legislature may subject a water or a railway company to Each rules a thing which can- are carried to one beligerent the displeasure of the othe pens, may somehow be continued in the lous is legislative jurisdiction over the wholly private nature of the traffic a so-called "public utilities" of the ocean perceive a gross violation of neutr over ships that may freely discontinue duty did Government put its own ship

a public service, may freely move to to this service. A merchantman is, in home waters and on the high seas, within the full jurisdiction of the state whose flag it ownership policy are too familiar to files. Entering the home waters of an- quire extended consideration other state it may be subjected to cer-

power a country's laws may exert upon ship purchase bill of the last sea transportation depends immediately far from being an agreeable sopupon the size of its own merchant fleet, opponents of the policy, emphasizes tions six or seven years hence, a Were jurisdiction of ships the sole,

sounding pretensions of the bill. But f a nation's fleet be too small to permit of this year there were under its peculiar sea laws to count for much in the world's trade, its products may chant ships of a gross have a power of attraction that will 1.147,000. Of these 175, of 900 steamers in all essential req H. R. 15,455, p. 211.) It also true that none of them w

gainst the private purse.

With a petty merchant fleet ontrol, and having under it. regulatory and Government policies against the laws a